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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 20, 2003, in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the May 20, 2003 Office Action originally was due August 20, 2003. Enclosed herewith is a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time and authorization to charge the extension fee to the undersigned's Deposit Account. In view of the filing of this Petition and payment of the fee, a response is now due November 20, 2003. Accordingly, this Amendment and Response is timely filed.

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